

# NEPA Process

NEPA provides a framework for federal agencies to follow when conducting an environmental review.

This review results in two possible conclusions:

ENVIRONMENTAL  
ASSESSMENT  
EA

Draft Environmental Assessment

published in Federal Register

30 day public review

final Environmental Assessment

no significant  
impact found

Finding of  
No Significant Impact  
(FONSI) published in  
Federal Register

significant  
impact found

Notice of Intent (NOI)

published in  
Federal Register

Environmental Impact  
Statement

Record of Decision  
(ROD) published in  
Federal Register



NASA will continue to protect the environment and habitat that exists at Plum Brook Station.



**Environmental Assessment (EA)** outlines the proposed actions or activities. An EA concisely documents and evaluates impacts that have the potential to significantly affect the quality of the human environment. An EA also identifies and assesses reasonable alternatives to reduce or eliminate the potential impacts.

**Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** comprehensively documents the proposed actions or activities expected to have a significant impact on the human environment. An EIS describes the environmental impacts of the proposed action, the No-Action alternative, and other reasonable alternatives. The process results in a decision that is documented in a Record of Decision (ROD) in the Federal Register.

If NASA's Environmental Assessment finds potentially significant impacts, then a Notice of Intent (NOI) will be posted in the Federal Register. NASA will then proceed to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). If, as expected, no potentially significant impacts are found, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be prepared. The FONSI must state reasons why decommissioning will not have a significant effect on the human environment, and therefore, why an EIS is not necessary.